

MAYOR'S REPORT TO COUNCIL

November 14, 2019

In the next few weeks, our residents will be receiving my final City Newsletter which will include my goodbye message, a list of accomplishments during my tenure, an announcement about a Mayor's Farewell Gathering for our Residents, a request for some Board and Commission members, and a list of 2020 Recreation events. I hope you find it informational and enjoyable.

My staff has planned a "Mayor's Farewell Gathering for our Residents" which will be held on Wednesday, December 11, 2019, from 6 to 9pm at the Community Center. Any resident who wishes to come to say goodbye is welcome to come that evening.

Thanks to our Service Department who was called out early for snow duty with the recent weather. They will continue leaf pickup as well, weather permitting.

Our residents may notice that Ordinance 2019-70 to appoint Attorney Joseph Diemert as our Law Director has been removed from the agenda. After Council left my Ordinance request on First Reading at the last Council meeting, I decided to contract Attorney Diemert under my spending authority to handle the pressing legal issues I was concerned about. I then asked Council to remove the item from the agenda and leave the Law Director appointment to the next administration under the leadership of Mayor-Elect Andy Gardner. I am pleased to report that Attorney Diemert has already handled the Produce Packing CRA legal issue I was concerned about and looks forward to completing a few other legal concerns under the agreement.

Sympathy to the families of Dr. Ron Taddeo, Mrs. Helen Mishek and Ms. Laurie Steinbrink who passed away this past week. Our thoughts and prayers remain with their families.

I support all three legislative items tonight including: the Ordinance for Temporary Budget appropriation, the Ordinance for NOACA Grant funding for the Route 6 Rehab project in 2021 to 2024, and the Ordinance for Bowen's continuation for zoning inspection services through June 2020.

In closing, I will announce the following upcoming Events:

Winterfest – Sunday, December 8 from 5 to 7pm at the Fire Station
Breakfast with Santa – Saturday, December 14 from 8:30 a.m. till noon

I would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and remember that City Hall will be closed on Thursday and Friday to observe the holiday.